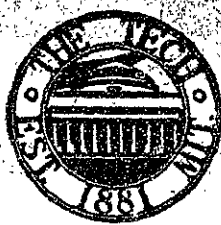


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Intercollegiate Conference Proposed For Next Spring; To Discuss Discrimination

Next spring the Institute will be the scene of a nationwide conference on the problem of racial and religious discrimination in American universities. The conference is planned to coincide with the dedication of the new auditorium.

According to the Undergraduate Association which is sponsoring the conference the problems created by the existence of racial and religious prejudices in connection with selection processes in admissions and fraternal organizations are of paramount importance and in order to try and resolve some of these the conference is being held. More explicitly the purposes of the conference are to bring into contact college students and administrators from all sections of the country and thus promote and facilitate understanding of the conflicting viewpoints on the vital issues involved; to gain knowledge of the actions of other colleges in coping with these problems and the degree of success of their action; and possibly to develop a continuing intercollegiate effort toward solution of the problem.

According to present plans the Dean of Students, the student body president and one additional student from each of 120 colleges will be invited to participate. The conference will be set up so that all participants will have an opportunity to become closely acquainted with students from each of the geographical sections of the nation. In this way, the particular problems and attitudes of colleges in all sections of the country will be unfolded in each panel; each delegate will be able to acquire a deep insight into the problem as seen by the participants from other sections.

The small twenty-man panels, which will remain intact throughout the conference, will contain an approximately equal representation from any one school, and panel composition will be distributed in the ratio of 2/3 students and 1/3 deans of students. Panel chairmen will be selected in advance of the conference from the student delegations of twenty nationally dis-

tributed schools.

Although the conference is aimed at developing understanding and need not reach any specific conclusions, it is possible that a degree of unanimity will result in some areas in prompt formal conclusions or resolutions.

A.A. Will Solicit Contributions For Crew Champions

As most everyone at the Institute now knows, the lightweight crew captured the Eastern sprint championship last Saturday at Princeton, and, as a consequence, was invited to compete in the Royal Henley Regatta, to be held in England this summer. What most people do not know is that the two-week trip to England will cost approximately fifteen thousand dollars.

In an attempt to defray the cost of this trip somewhat, the Athletic Association, with the assistance of other interested organizations such as Beaver Key, the Boat Club, and the Quadrangle Club, will solicit students, faculty, and other members of the Institute family on Monday, May 24, which has been set aside as "Tag Day". At the same time, the graduates of the school will be contacted by various alumni organizations. Contributors will be presented with a badge or pin to show that they have donated.

Present plans call for the lightweight crew to fly to London from New York on June 21. The races are scheduled for June 30, July 1, 2, and 3. However, such a trip cannot even be attempted without sufficient funds.

Tag Day is designed to raise some of the money that will be needed on this trip, and also to give the Institute family an opportunity to support a truly outstanding M.I.T. team.

Freshman Rules Defeated Again In Heated InsComm Debate; Reiley Casts Deciding Ballot

Institute Committee rejected a move to revive Freshman Rules at a tense three-hour meeting last Wednesday, one of its most bitter gatherings in recent months.

The meeting opened quietly, with a series of committee reports, and remained that way until David Rados '55 of I.F.C. moved that a list of eight Freshman Rules be adopted, despite Freshman Coordinating Committee's recently approved recommendation that they be killed. The rules themselves were similar to those in force in recent years. In contrast to the old system, however, rules would be in force only for the two weeks preceding Field Day. The one new rule stated that "no Freshman shall set foot on the center walk

leading to the great court, because this is land on which only upper-classmen have earned the right to walk."

Reasons for Rules

Debate centered mainly on the problem of "establishing pride in school tradition" and promoting school spirit. Advocates of the rules claimed that the Freshman code was the best way to inculcate that spirit. They asserted that rules "provide orientation into M.I.T. college life" and help to create "a more socially uniform student body," that Freshman hazing "from either end of the paddle is fun," and that rules would force Freshmen to learn much valuable information. Noting that Freshman Council recently voted unanimously against Freshman Rules, they nevertheless maintained that a majority of Techmen favor them, and that the Freshmen don't really know what is best.

Opposition Heard

Opponents of the plan, including F.C.C. Chairman Garry L. Quinn '56, both representatives of the Class of '57, and Dormitory Council President John Seiler '55, concentrated their attack on three points: desirability, efficacy and enforceability. As Seiler put it, "Everything that could be done by rules can be done better" by such groups as T.C.A., F.C.C., and the Baker Memorial Committee. They pointed out that rules had proved unenforceable in recent years, and that much physical injury and property damage had resulted from hazing. They were not mollified when Harold Smith '57 of Quadrangle Club gave his plan, that "during the two weeks (preceding Field Day) the Q. Club and the Sophs would badger the Freshmen."

When finally a roll-call vote was taken, the tally stood at 9-9. Chairman Eldon H. Reiley '55, cast the deciding ballot against the Freshman Code.

Calendar Approved

Prior to the rules debate, the committee approved the printing and distribution of a 22" x 34" social calendar next fall, showing social affairs, athletic events, and Freshman quizzes if possible. Inscomm's final meeting of the year is set for 5:00 p.m. next Wednesday in Litchfield Lounge.

Final Meetings Of House Comms Held Wednesday

East Campus House Committee last Wednesday, discussed the possibility of eliminating the Housecomm representative from Crafts Hall, since next year will see the installation of a second East Campus faculty resident, leaving room for only eleven students in Crafts. As this was the last meeting of the term, no action could be taken.

A motion was passed that a five dollar deposit be posted by those using East Campus lounges, because some of the groups using the lounges recently have failed to leave them clean. The deposit would be used to cover the cost of cleaning the lounge if this was found necessary.

A discussion of the possibility of improving heating facilities in Burton House single rooms by next year was discussed at the Burton Housecomm meeting. Also talked over was the dance tomorrow night, co-sponsored by Alpha Phi Omega, to be held on the tennis courts of Burton House.

TERM REPORTS

Second term grade reports will be mailed to the home address of all U. S. and Canadian students on Thursday, June 10. Reports for foreign students will be sent to their term address. You may have your report sent elsewhere by notifying the Registrar's office not later than May 28. No reports are prepared for June degree candidates. Grades may be obtained at the Registrar's office after June 15.

Officers Elected For Next Year By Tau Beta Pi

Tau Beta Pi, the national honorary engineering fraternity, elected its officers for the coming year at a meeting last Tuesday night.

Retiring president Jack H. King grad, presided over the hour-and-a-half meeting which elected Steve J. Poulos '54 its new president. The new vice-president is John P. Seagle '55. Recording Secretary is Richard Schwind '55. Corresponding Secretary is Harold Olsen '54. Treasurer is Henry Hebler '55. Cataloguer is Jack Dekker '55. Delegate to the Massachusetts Co-ordinating Council is John Wing '55.

Faculty advisor to Tau Beta Pi is Professor H. F. Taylor of Course III.

Freedom, Loyalty Topics Of Lecture By Columbia Prof.

Professor Henry Steele Commager, of Columbia University's History Department, spoke before an estimated 300 people Wednesday afternoon in Huntington Hall. His lecture, the last to be sponsored by the Lecture Series Committee this school year, was concerned with the nature of freedom and the characteristics of American democracy.

As the author of "America, the Story of a Free People," and co-author of the well-known text "Growth of the American Republic," Professor Commager has gained wide repute as a competent historian and analyst of modern civilization.

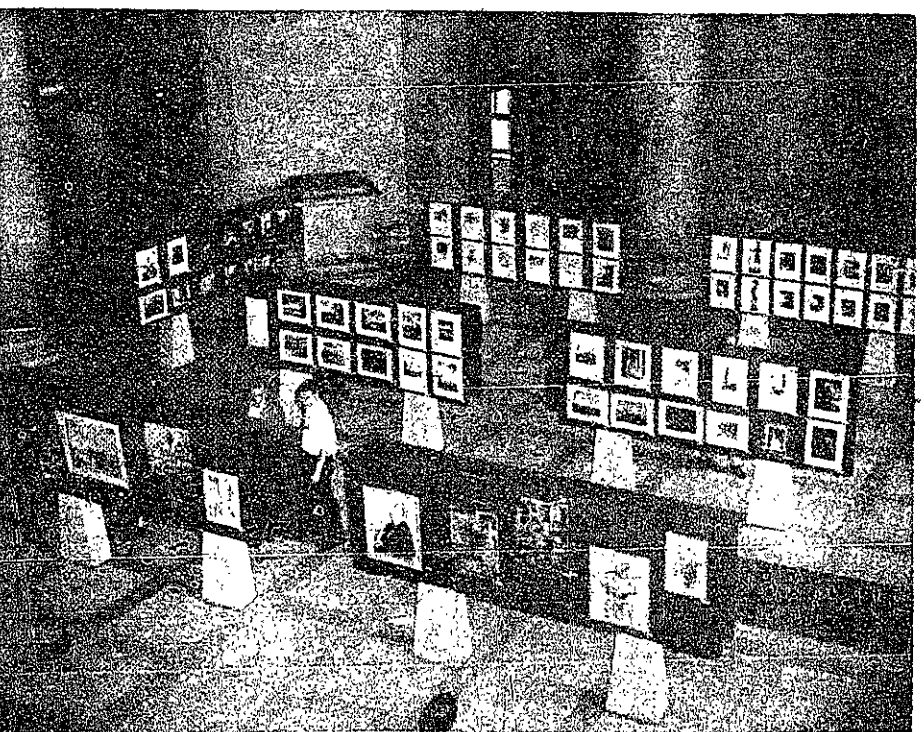
He began his lecture with an admonishment to the American public not to engage in unduly provincial thinking, stating that we should be concerned with freedom not only in our particular city, state or country, but should also be willing to take action to protect freedom in other parts of the world.

Citing the positive way of thinking as one of the characteristics of Americans, Prof. Commager compared the confidence and concern for practical matters of Americans with the speculative way of thinking natives of some other countries have demonstrated.

In connection with the volunteer type of action, he cited the desire of Americans to reform work in many fields. Dissatisfaction with the current way of doing things was described as one of the motives for progress, and he said maintenance of the status quo leads to eventual stagnation of a country.

Following the fifty minute lecture, which was applauded roundly, Prof. Commager gave his frank, and often humorous, answers to questions on current events addressed by the audience.

Art Exhibit Now In Bldg. 7



Winners in the First Annual T.C.A. Art Contest were announced this week. A total of 180 entries were received, all of which will be on display in Building 7 until Monday.

In the Photography Division, first prize was awarded to Phillip Lieberman '56, with second prize going to Paul L. Hexter '56. First prize in the Art division went to Antonio P. de Castro '55, while Melvin H. Smith '54 was second. William H. Stierli '55 won first prize for his sculpture, and second place in this division went to E. Dale Strait '55. First prize in each division is a cash award of ten dollars, while the second prize winners each earned five dollars. A total of ten honorable mentions were also announced.

Judges for the contest were Professors Lawrence B. Anderson, Harold E. Edgerton, Richard Filipowski, Gyorgy Kepes, and C. Fayette Taylor, and Miss Priscilla Greene.

Entries may be picked up in the T.C.A. office next Wednesday.

N. E. Track Ass'n Championships To Be Held Today

The 67th Annual New England Track and Field Championships beginning this afternoon at Briggs Field shapes up as a low-scoring meet. The reason for this appears to be in the large number of individual star performers distributed among several of the 26 New England colleges competing.

Hedlund Picks B. U.

Oscar Hedlund, the Beaver's great coach, predicts that Boston University will win the meet closely followed by Rhode Island with a scramble for the third spot between M.I.T., Holy Cross, and Wesleyan.

Point getters for Tech should include Warren Latoff '55 and Bill Antoine '55, both IC4A Champions. Latoff will be given a good race in the 120 high hurdles by Lochiatto of Boston College. Antoine will be hard pressed in the high jump by Hescocock of BU and Parker of New Hampshire who is the defending New England champion. It is expected that Captain Ian Williams will score in the 440 while Jack Farquhar '54 and Ray Smith '56 could place in the 880 and 2 mile respectively. John Morefield '56, a high scorer during the spring season, will

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E. J. Schwarz '54 Given Aero Prize For Best Design

Eddie J. Schwarz '54 has been awarded the James Means Memorial Prize for the best aeronautical design in the senior class. His selection was announced yesterday at a meeting of seniors and staff of the Department of Aeronautical Engineering at 2:00 p.m. in Room 33-418.

Presentation of a bronze plaque and a cash award was made by Dr. James Howard Means, son of the aviation pioneer in whose honor the prize is given. Dr. Means is a member of the Medical Department Staff here at the Institute.

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FAREWELL TO FRESHMAN RULES

At their last meeting, Institute Committee defeated by a narrow margin a proposal to create a new set of freshman rules. This motion, which would have provided for an intensive, two-week hazing period just prior to Field Day, was brought up despite the fact that the report of the Freshman Coordinating Committee, recommending the abolition of all freshman rules, had been accepted only a few weeks ago.

The proposed new rules included all the old regulations, plus one new rule making the central walk of the Great Court off limits to freshmen during the hazing period.

In the past rules of this sort have either been completely ignored or flaunted outrightly. We wonder if the proponents of these new rules actually believe that a mere rule can keep the freshmen from using a path?

Freshman rules are intended to instill some degree of class spirit and school spirit in the incoming class, and also to acquaint them with the organization and tradition of the Institute. They do not exist, as one person present at the last Institute Committee meeting phrased it, primarily so "the Q Club and the sophomore class can badger the freshmen." However, in recent years freshman rules have served as little more than an excuse for a number of sophomores and upperclassmen to perform physical violence upon the new freshmen. With the outlawing of off-campus hazing, the popular tradition of "rides", has been done away with, leaving only actually physical punishment as the only form of hazing commonly used.

Most of us still remember the forty-five cent assessment of a few months ago. This money was used to pay for damages incurred throughout the Institute prior to Field Day 1952, in the riots that occurred in the "harmless hazing" of freshmen.

It has become obvious that freshman rules as such have ceased to serve a worthwhile purpose. The physical damage done, both to persons and property, is far more than the value received. As John Seiler '55, Dormitory Council Chairman, put it, "everything that could be done by rules, can be done, and is being done far better..."

It is interesting to note that despite the close vote in Inscomm, those representatives most intimately connected with the problem of freshman orientation—the dormitory and Freshman class representatives—were almost unanimously opposed to the creation of any set of freshman rules. The impetus for the new regulations came primarily from the fraternities, who have their own system of freshman hazing, independent of any school-wide regulations.

Although the issue was decided by the narrow margin of one vote, it is a decision which we feel is representative of the student body as a whole. We commend those members of the Institute Committee who have realized that freshman rules as we know them have ceased to produce any worthwhile results, and, on the contrary, often do more harm than good. Shortening the hazing period to two weeks will do nothing to improve the rules themselves. And so we bid a final adieu to freshman rules.

FAREWELL TO '54

With this issue, *The Tech* ceases publication for the spring semester. Only a few days of classes and a few easy finals remain before the summer is actually here. We deem it only fitting, therefore, to take this opportunity to bid a fond farewell to the members of the Class of 1954. We wish them all good fortune in future years, wherever they may be. To the entire Institute family, we wish a pleasant summer's interlude. See you again in the fall.

through the mail

To the Editor of *The Tech*:

Wednesday's Institute Committee meeting was highlighted by the biggest political fireworks of recent years. When the smoke had cleared, the Student Government had a split-decision vote—9-9. President Reiley cast his vote to break the deadlock and defeat the motion that Inscomm adopt a new set of Freshman Rules to supersede the first section of the F.C.C. recommendations (i.e., to "abolish Freshman Rules").

The arguments presented on both sides were convincing and showed the sincere interest and consideration that members of Inscomm have given this problem.

As proponents of the new system of Freshman Rules we feel that you, the student body, are entitled to an explanation of our vote. The old Freshman Rules, within the past few years, have degenerated to a state where many freshmen never come in contact with them. The charge is that they have failed in their purpose and therefore should be abolished. The suggestions made by the F.C.C. report would, in effect, set up a system of freshman ideals—on a non-compulsory basis. It is our feeling that such a system, even with an initial boost from its ardent supporters, will fare no better in the long run than the Freshman Rules.

As a reaction to the F.C.C. report a motion was made to institute a new set of Freshman Rules, which would eliminate some of the objections now

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by Paul W. Abrahams '56

It has recently come to our attention that an increasingly large number of Institute personnel of all sizes, shapes, and departments have been considering the possibility of a major change in the organization of the Institute. Namely, they wish to see M.I.T. merged with Harvard. We wholly endorse the suggestion; we fail to see how anyone could conceivably oppose it. After all, look at the advantages.

First of all, there is the military advantage. Fighting a war on two fronts is never an easy task, and certainly the Cambridge police would have a rather hard time of it. With all their forces massed for an assault on a snow barricade across Memorial Drive, it would be rather difficult for them to effectively defend Radcliffe against a panty-raid. Furthermore, the proposed union would tremendously expedite the traffic in explosives and bootleg liquor which the police have up to now managed to restrain. And with effective coordination between the two student groups, we may hopefully look forward to the day when the victorious armies meet and embrace each other in Central Square, while a disunited and broken-down police force fights its last stand on the

banks of the Charles to the west.

There is also the financial advantage to be considered. The new institution, which might be called Harmit (pronounced hah-mit), would have twice as many wealthy alumni at its disposal as formerly. With the combination of the two physical plants, it would be possible to reduce the maintenance staff, and considerable proceeds might be realized from an auction of slightly used Buildings and Power employees. Furthermore, it could be argued that the students were receiving the educational benefits of two schools, and on this basis the tuition would be doubled. And since the professors would now be instructing only half as large a proportion of the total student body as previously, their salaries could justifiably be halved.

Not to be overlooked are the advantages to be accrued by the new, combined dining service. The present 21 meals a week compulsory commons meals for all students now in effect at Harvard could be combined with the truly superb quality of the commons meals here at M.I.T. to provide a package arrangement which would surely be welcomed eagerly by all the students of Harmit. Food wastage could also be greatly lessened.

These are but a few of the advantages to be accrued by the creation of "Harmit." We are sure that the professors who would lose their jobs as a result of the merger can think of many more. For the reasons we have enumerated above, we feel that all concerned ought to join the drive for the establishment of the new, glorious Harmit.



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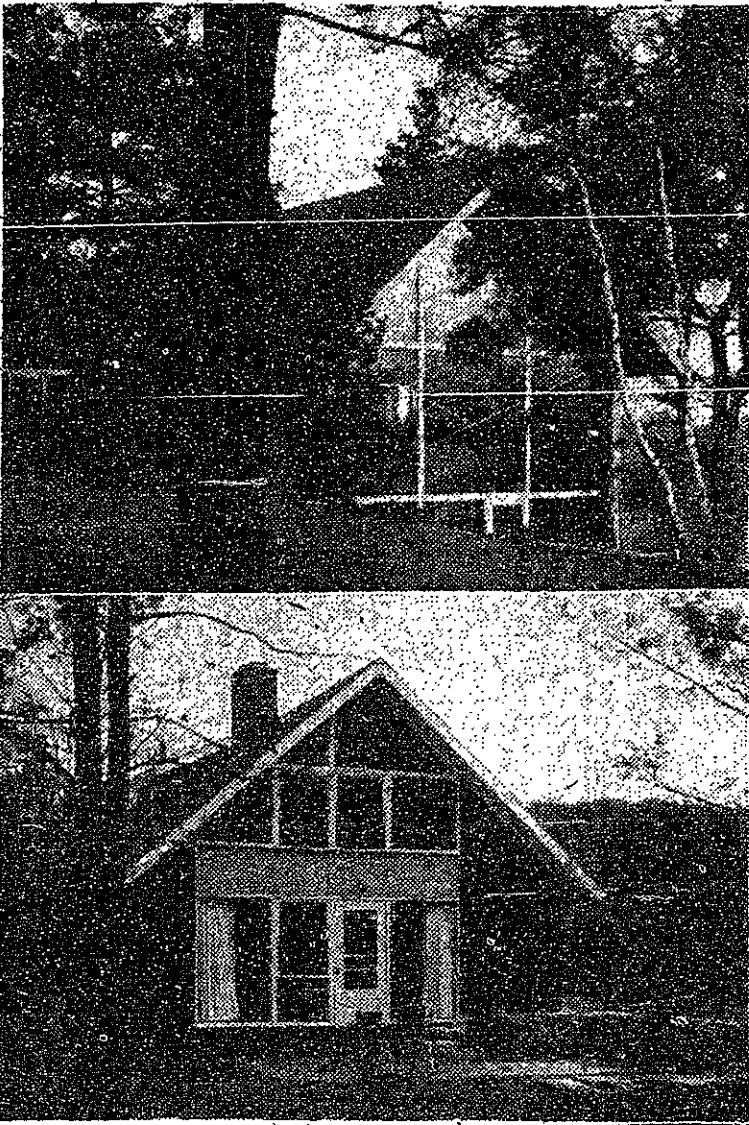


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Included in the tour of houses this Sunday, May 23, will be the window-walled residence of architect Carl Koch (shown on top) and a number of the unusual contemporary homes which he designed for the community which has attracted nation-wide interest. If raining, the event will be postponed until the next fair Sunday. Admission will be \$1.00, benefiting the Kalmia Woods Fund. Take Route 2 from Cambridge, and continue until the next traffic light after crossing route 126 . . . then turn left on Sudbury Road (marked to Sudbury) and drive one-half mile to Heath's Bridge Road where tickets will be on sale.

President Of Undergraduate Association Evaluates Achievements Of InsComm

by Eldon H. Reiley '55
President of the Undergraduate Association

Exactly eight weeks ago at the first regular meeting of the 1954-1955 Institute Committee, I presented a "State of Student Government Message" in which I outlined twenty-nine areas where I felt action by Institute Committee would be necessary this spring. In the past eight weeks InsComm or its appropriate subcommittees have acted favorably on twenty-two of those recommendations; acted, but without results, on two; deferred action until next fall on three; and not acted at all on two.

I should like to take a moment as we reach the end of the spring term to report on these actions of your student government during the past eight weeks and to examine the plans for the future.

Institute Committee disposed of three matters left by the previous committee as it (1) granted a \$300 loan to WMIT; (2) rescinded a motion passed by the previous commit-

tee, thus making it possible for graduate students to wear the same rings as undergraduates; and (3) accepted the report of a special Junior Prom By-Laws Committee providing for limited ticket purchase and first choice to Juniors.

Perhaps the most concrete accomplishment was the successful negotiation, by a special subcommittee headed by John Saloma, of a reduction in the Walker Service Charge for social functions from \$110 to \$35 per event. Of considerable direct concern to dormitory residents are the twenty recommendations made by the Commons Meals Committee. These recommendations will be formally presented to the administration at a special meeting early next week. I believe we can confidently expect noticeable improvements to result.

Institute Committee has decided to have another stab at an All Tech Dance. Bob Temple has been appointed chairman of the dance, which will be held in the Sheraton-Plaza Hotel next March 11. Solid support was

placed behind the Student Union project when InsComm adopted the recommendations of the Student Union Committee and continued the committee for another year.

Exeter Talks Yields Action

Early in April the Fourth Annual Leadership Conference was held at Exeter, New Hampshire. Each of the six panel discussions at the conference resulted in direct action by Institute Committee. The panel on "communications" yielded several suggestions which have been put into effect. (This report is the product of one of those suggestions.) The "commuter" panel resulted directly in the formation of a special committee headed by Bob Greene, which has already developed a comprehensive plan leading toward closer integration of commuting students into campus life. Open House hours received a close examination in the "environment" panel. This subject has been turned over in its entirety to the Dormitory Council for re-evaluation. The panel discussion on "athletics" fostered Institute Committee's recent recommendation to substitute another sport for Field Day football. Also coming from this discussion was the move to concentrate the power to schedule intercollegiate sports in the hands of the Director of Athletics, and to streamline the handling of athletic financing.

The panel on "freshman orientation," besides producing several helpful ideas for the improvement of Freshman Weekend and the Freshman Advisory Program, resulted in the most controversial action that the new Institute Committee has taken, namely the abolishment of Freshman Rules. On two occasions the Freshman Rule motion came before the committee. Both times rules were voted down by a narrow margin.

Finally, the panel on the "Discrimination Conference" placed the proposed conference in a clearer and much enlarged focus. It was in this discussion at Exeter that it was decided to run the conference on a nation-wide basis, to invite administration as well as student representatives from each university, to approach a philanthropic foundation for financial assistance, and to incorporate the conference with the dedication of the auditorium. A special committee is now laying plans according to the above decisions. This will be the major undertaking of your student government during the coming year. If successfully carried out, I believe, it will be one of the most important things that student government has ever done.

In accordance with suggestions made by President Killian at the Leadership Conference, Dennis Shapiro is acting as a special one-man subcommittee to look into the possibility of installing a closed-circuit television network at M.I.T.; Bill Neff and Dave Rados have been appointed to a special faculty-student-alumni committee to determine the MIT Alma Mater.

Elsewhere

In other areas . . . the WMIT-TEN difference was quickly resolved by joint action of Tom Marlow's Judicial Committee and the Activities Council . . . the biennial Open House was masterfully handled by Dave Vogel and his Open House Committee . . . Buck Brown's Public Relations Committee is planning a secondary school open house for Tech next fall . . . the Secretariat, under Bob Morgan, has efficiently handled the double volume of office work that has resulted from the increased emphasis on communications and the new Institute Committee's determination to get something done . . . Ron Howard's Finance Committee has just fought a brave battle for the Undergraduate Association Budget. Last week FinComm published the first monthly Undergraduate Association Balance Sheet in four years! . . . a large (22 inch by 45 inch) two-color calendar, with scheduled Tech events will be distributed to all undergraduates at the beginning of the fall term . . . despite Glenn Jackson's hearty efforts, little satisfaction was gained from the M.D.C. on the Memorial Drive parking situation . . . Garry Quinn and his Freshman Co-

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VI, VI-A, VIII EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY IN A SMALL COMPANY

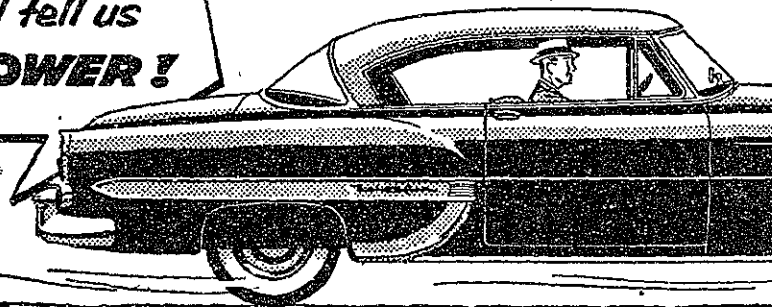
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Crew's Trip To England Dependent On Student Aid

by Dave Appling '57

This is the last issue of the spring term. Normally, about the time that the last issue is published, there is nothing very important to the MIT community except final examinations. However, this year is an exception. The Beaver lightweight crew shell took the race at Princeton, first place in the national ratings, and—what matters now—the chance to compete in the historic Royal Henley Regatta on the Thames in London. They have the chance, but whether or not the chance will materialize is up to you, the readers of *The Tech*.

It has been estimated that the cost of financing the trip to England will be approximately fifteen thousand dollars. This is a rather staggering sum to pay out, as some might say, for an athletic team from a technical school such as this one. We personally don't think so. In particular, we don't think that it is one penny too much to be allotted to a bunch of boys who, under the expert tutelage of Coach Jack Frailey, took a national championship and a foreign invitation that has been under the domination of the Ivy League for many years. But fifteen thousand bucks represents an awful lot of money for any one source to dig up. No one source can contribute that much in a lump sum.

The reader must by now realize the point of this edit. And he is right. If the lights are going to London, they must have fifteen thousand dollars. We are going to raise that fifteen thousand or cheat the boys who

brought back a national championship for the Massachusetts Institute of Technology out of their rightful place in the sun. And more: We are going to cheat ourselves. Despite the fact that we are not a rah-rah college, that we have never placed the big-business attitude on sports that turns some schools into major corporations, it is Tech which came in at Princeton and it is Tech who will represent the United States abroad. We feel awfully proud of our lights.

We feel proud of a bunch of oarsmen, a coxswain, and a coach who overthrew tradition, who proved that just because Tech isn't a good-time, rah-rah college is no reason why we can't win. We feel proud that Tech is taking its place among the top crew

Track

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place in both the shotput and discus. Record Breakers Possible
Followers of local track point to the one mile run and shot put as possibilities for new records. Northeastern's Dick Ollen ran a 4:18.2 last week against the Engineers, and the present record is 4:18.6. Dick Bates, B.U.'s strong man threw the shot over 53 feet in the Easterns which eclipsed the New England mark of 51' 3/4". Repeat performances will mean two new records.

This afternoon's track and field events begin at 3:00 p.m. at Briggs Field. Saturday's finals, also at Briggs Field will begin at 1:00 p.m. Entrance to the meet and Briggs Field will be from Vassar Street only.

Coach Hedlund announces a meeting of all interested in fall cross country to be held in Briggs Field House on May 26 at 4:00 p.m.

colleges in the country. We also feel that the entire MIT community is with us.

On June 21, the lights are scheduled to leave Idlewild International Airport in New York. And on June 30, July 1, 2, and 3 MIT will compete against the thirty top teams of Europe. If fifteen thousand dollars is raised.

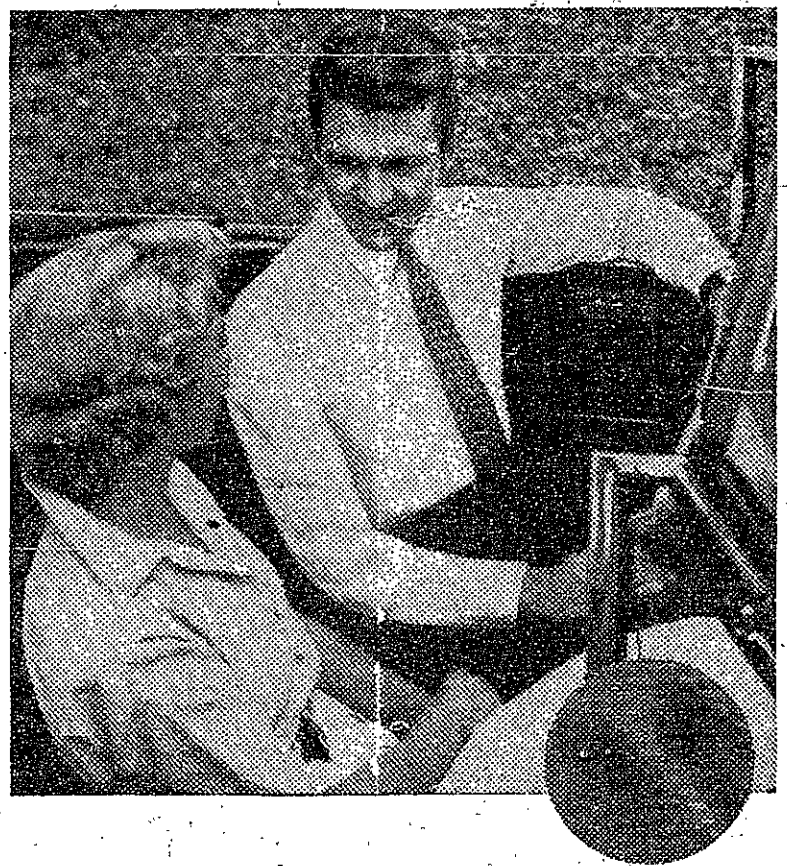
During Tag Day, next Monday, representatives of the various Institute groups interested in athletics will stop any and all members of the Institute family on campus and ask them for contributions. The lightweight crew shell will not go to London without student support, support which matters more now than it ever did before. Contributions have been received already, from people who have absolutely no connection with the crew team except as members of the student body who are proud of their team's success and are behind them heart and soul. Possibly we are the best lightweight crew team in the world. Will you contribute a little of your money and help bring the Beavers home from England as champions?

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Grads Loom As Favorites For Softball Championship

by Paul Jay Goldin '54

Defending champions Graduate House squeaked by two one-run decisions and then pounded Alpha Tau Omega 15-4 to lead the way in the intramural softball playoffs. The Graduates have assured themselves of a berth in the school finals.

Graduate House opened the playoffs by upsetting top-ranked East Campus 8-7 on a two-run rally in the seventh inning. A two-out single by Bill Ermin scored Gene Gordon from second and nullified a five-hit pitching job turned in by Dick Hurlbut and some power hitting by Fred Shimabokoru.

The next day, Sigma Phi Epsilon fell victim to a tight 6-5 decision. Failure of the meat of the Sig Eps lineup to come through with a clutch hit cost them the contest. Previously, the Sig Eps had rallied in the seventh to edge Alpha Epsilon Pi 7-6.

The third Graduate House win was registered at the expense of a surprising ATO nine. The ATO's, sparked by the heavy hitting of John Orehotzky, Tony Vertin, and John Lovasz, had crushed Baker House 27-12 and Westgate 20-18 to gain the right to meet the Grads. Unfortunately, the ATO's stopped hitting and absorbed a thorough beating. Bill Missimer paced the Graduate attack with a home run and several other hits.

Since the playoffs are run in a double elimination fashion, a team gets two chances to cop the top berth. Only five of the nine starters are left, however, as Phi Kappa, Westgate, Delta Upsilon, and Baker House have all fallen by the wayside.

East Campus behind Hurlbut's blazing fastball edged Phi Kappa and eliminated Westgate 14-2. East Campus meets Sigma Phi Epsilon this week in the game which should decide the team to challenge Graduate House.

Alpha Epsilon Pi, sporting perhaps the best fielding team in the playoffs, meets ATO in the other big game this week. The AEP's stayed in the playoffs by nipping Delta Upsilon 8-7 Tuesday.

Although Graduate House has gained the upper hand there is no reason to believe that none of the 4 other teams can't beat them on any given day.

Year in Review

Intramural sports have really climbed into the spotlight this year. With *The Tech* and the Athletic Association working hand-in-hand, all-star football and basketball contests were scheduled with other colleges.

The touch football team dropped a tight 12-6 decision to Tufts while the all-star basketball five crushed Brandeis, Tufts, and Boston University in rapid succession. The performance of this five must be rated as the top intramural feat of the year.

Taking a quick glance at the intramural scene, we see that the Phi Gams took the football title, while ATO, East Campus, and Graduate House, tied for the basketball title. SAE topped home in volleyball and the swimming meet, while Kappa Sigma ran off with the track meet. Graduate House took ping-pong honors and the Kappa Sigs look like winners in the tennis tourney.

The coveted all-sports trophy has not yet been clinched by SAE for the fifteenth time. Overall strength in

every intramural sport from football to ping-pong has given the SAE's the trophy.

The other new development on the intramural scene has been the adoption of a system of paid refs for football and basketball contests. This guarantees uniform officiating for every game throughout the season.

I'd like to thank all the intramural managers and the athletic association for the help and cooperation they have given me. And, to borrow a well-worn expression, "wait till next year."

Engineer Sailors To Vie For Title June 16 In Calif.

The Engineer varsity sailing team will attempt to cap an extremely successful season with the National Championship when they compete

Engineer Nine Boasts 3 And 9 Seasonal Record

With the curtain coming down on 1954 Collegiate Baseball, MIT can look back upon the season presently drawing to a close with mixed emotions. Despite the poor 3-9 record to date, Coach Merritt's squad has at times shown flashes of brilliance in its play.

The team got off to a poor start dropping decisions to Harvard, tough Boston College, Bowdoin and Tufts.

against the nation's top sailors June 16-18 in California.

The Beavers have taken four firsts, four seconds, and one second in nine regattas. The season opened with the McMillin Cup race at Navy. MIT and Cornell tied on points but Cornell was named the victor on elapsed time.

The sailors then toppled traditional New England sailing rival Harvard in a dual event. Sailing at Brown, the Beavers notched a win in the Sharpe Trophy. They finished second to Harvard in the Greater Boston Championships and third behind Harvard and Rhode Island in the Boston Dinghy Club Cup competition.

They came back to take successive victories in the MIT Quadrangular Regatta and the New England Eliminations at Tufts. In the Owen Trophy Race at Brown, Harvard edged out the Engineers. In the New England Championships, MIT led at the half-way mark, but Coast Guard rallied to nip the Beavers in the final tally.

On Saturday, May 1, Tech came into its own, playing twenty-two innings of sparkling baseball while matching eleven inning 5-4 wins with Northeastern's Huskies. In the afternoon game it was the star of the mound staff, Al Hauser, who gained the season's first win as he went on the strikeout path to pitch Tech to its extra inning victory.

Following the NU win Tech managed to divide its games beating Brandeis and Suffolk while succumbing to Bowdoin and Tufts again and finding itself on the short end of a 4-0 whitewash administered at the hands of Worcester Polytech. The greatest loss however, was at the hands of the Boston weather man as the season was marked by a string of rained out games.

The mound staff proved to be a

most consistent and reliable corps, fine pitching performances being turned in consistently by Al Hauser and Marsh Rogan. Many winning pitching jobs were nullified by the team's anemic hitting.

The hitting and fielding departments were for the most part quite weak. However, at short-stop, Tech, in fielding "Pete" Peterson, found itself with probably the slickest fielder in the Greater Boston League. Peterson, in addition, was the team's toughest hitter. Dennison's loss was truly MIT's gain when DuWayne made his decision to transfer.

Both third baseman Bob Lait and first baseman Paul Valerio, along with Peterson, have supplied what there has been of the team's batting punch, although all three have been or are involved in bad slumps.

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existing. The new rules would be in effect only for the two weeks preceding Field Day. The entire sophomore class would enforce the rules with a "Supreme Court" making final rulings.

Below is a brief summary of the arguments in favor of the new Freshman Rules:

We feel that Freshman Rules can help unify the classes by establishing pride in school tradition. Through participation in hazing, freshmen get to know their classmates better. The absence of Freshman Rules will only promote student indifference to school life, whereas the existence of these rules will help create a more homogeneous student body. Participation in freshman hazing can be fun from either end of the paddle. Rules provide orientation into M.I.T. "college life" and are an excellent buildup for the spirit needed for Field Day.

The arguments against Freshman Rules also have substantial backing. It is our sincere desire that each Tech student examine the statements of both sides before passing judgment. Only time and student opinion will justify the action taken by Institute Committee.

Richard L. Peskin '56,
Inscumm Rep., Burton House
Jack Saloma,
Inscumm Rep., Class of '56

May 19, 1954

Reiley Report

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ordinating Committee presently have their hands full planning the welcoming festivities for the Class of '58. Mal Jones's Tie Committee should have a design for the proposed school tie within a week.

I believe that student government has made its most significant progress in these past eight weeks in the intangible area we call "communications." Summary minutes of all Institute Committee meetings are now being sent to all the fraternity houses and posted in the dormitories. Very encouraging comments from a number of fraternities have been received.

Mistakes have been made, and time has been lost along the way, but for the most part I believe Inscumm has acted in a positive, progressive direction. You have a good Institute Committee, and it is anxious to do a good job. During the coming year it will strive to remain both ready and able to do what you want it to do.



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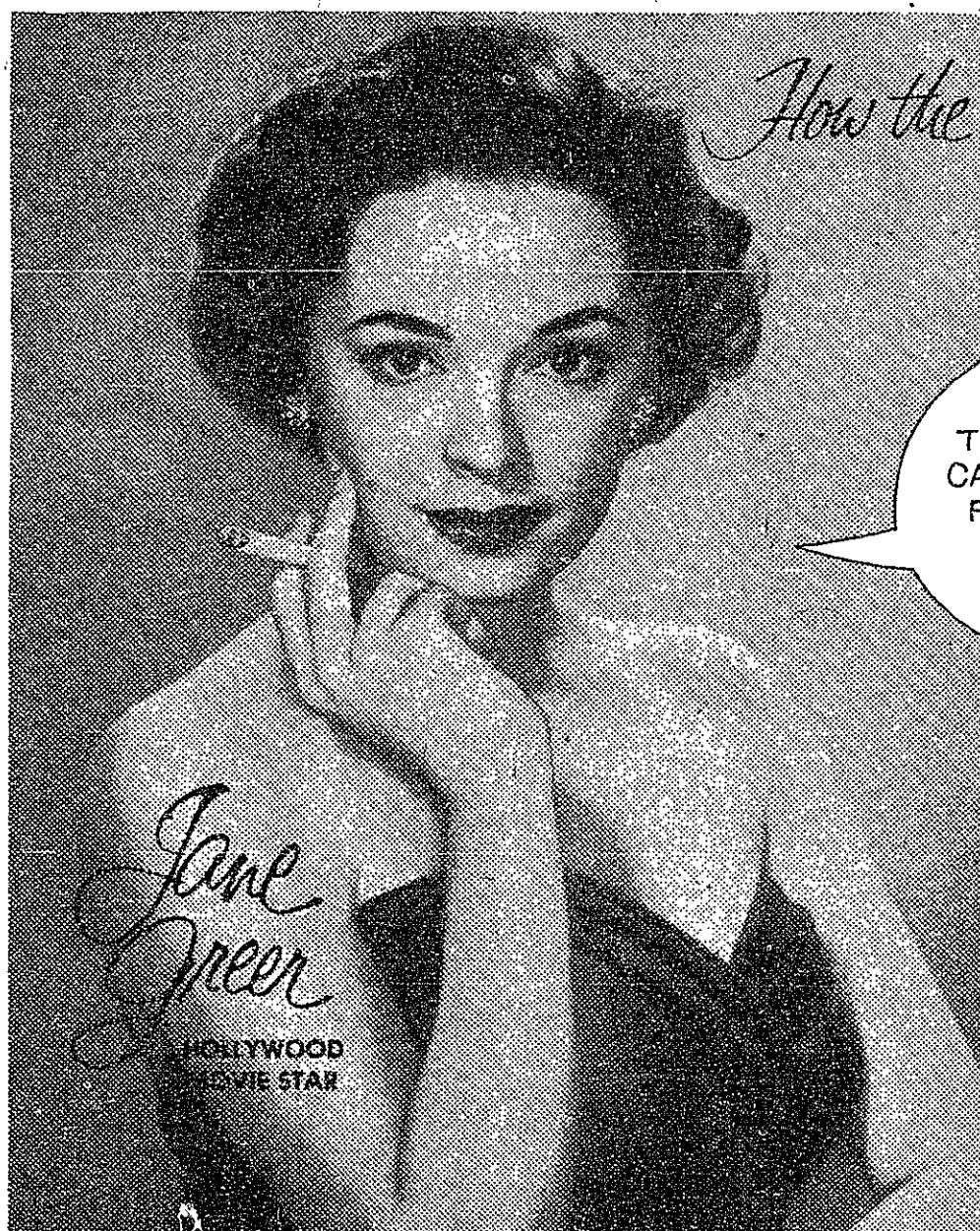
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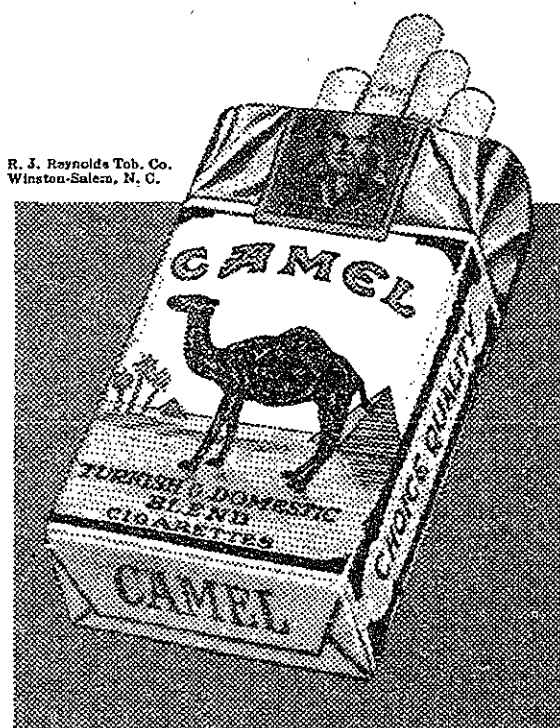


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